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SUBJ: TURKISH LAWS PERTAINING TO MARIJUANA

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1. UNDER TURKISH LAW, MINIMUM PENALTY FOR SIMPLE POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA OR HASHISH IS THREE YEARS IN PRISON (FIVE YEARS MAXIMUM) ALTHOUGH PART OF SENTENCE MAY BE COMMUTED FOR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES OR GOOD BEHAVIOR IN PRISON. MINIMUM STAY IN PRISON FOR THOSE CONVICTED USUALLY IS ABOUT TWO TO TWO AND A HALF YEARS.

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2. PUNISHMENTS FOR POSSESSION FOR PURPOSES OF TRAFFICKING OR SUMUGGLING BY A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL RANGE FROM FIVE TO TEN YEARS OF RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT IN THE CASE OF MARIJUANA AND FROM TEN YEARS TO LIFE FOR HASHISH, BUT IN PRACTICE THE TURKS MADE NO SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN MARIJUANA AND HASHISH, NORMALLY APPLYING THE LABEL "HASHISH" TO HIGH-GRADE MARIJUANA.

3. IN THE CASE OF CONSPIRACY OR COMMISSION OF SMUGGLING OR
TRAFFICKING BY TWO OR MORE PERSONS, PENALTIES IN PARA 2
ABOVE ARE INCREASED BY 100 PERCENT (CONSPIRACY) OR
50 PERCENT (JOINT COMMISSION) ALTHOUGH THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN
THE TWO IS NOT ALWAYS CLEAR. JOINT OR CONSPIRATORIAL
UNLICENSED IMPORT OR EXPORT OF "HASHISH" IS PUNISHABLE
BY DEATH. (DEATH PENALTY WAS DECREED AS RECENTLY AS NOV., 1976,
IN A CASE INVOLVING YOUNG GERMAN HASHISH SMUGGLERS, ALTHOUGH,
AS IS USUAL, THE SENTENCE WAS COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT).

4. TURKISH NARCOTICS LAWS ARE APPLIED VERY STRICTLY, WITH
NO SPECIAL LENIENCY SHOWN FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING MARIJUANA
OR HASHISH.
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